

REMARKS

Claim 1 - 4, and 7 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled.

Claims 1 -4, and 7 remain in the application.

The Examiner has objected to Claims 2 - 4 and 7 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1, the base claim, has been amended to further define the second section having "a closure gripping device including a depending portion for gripping at least a portion of the outer peripheral surface of a threaded closure of an associated" container.

It is submitted that the language of amended base Claim 1 is generic and reads on both of species which the Examiner indicated were allowable; namely, the species covered by Claim 7.

Claims 2 - 4, and 7 have been amended, either directly or indirectly, to depend from Claim 1, as amended.

Clearly, the reference to Heyraud or any of the other references of record, teach or remotely suggest "a closure gripping device including a depending portion for gripping at least a portion of the outer peripheral surface of a threaded closure of an associated container" as recited in the Claims of record.

Should the Examiner deem any further language is necessary, it is requested that a telephone interview be held to facilitate and expedite the issuance of a patent.

Since the application appears to be in proper form for allowance, a formal
Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.